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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN ARMS REQUEST AND SAUDI ROLE

REF: A) CHUSMTM 171309Z JAN 78 B) MANAMA 0141 170900 JAN 78

1. WE NOTE FACT (REF A) THAT SAG IS INSISTING ON CONDUCTING PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR GOB IN SAME TRIANGULAR MANNER AS FOR YAR. WE URGE THAT WHATEVER DECISION DEPARTMENT AND SECDEF MAKE ON THIS DEVELOPMENT BE MADE SOON IN LIGHT OF GOB CONCERN (REF B) THAT ISSUE BE RESOLVED QUICKLY.

2. WHILE WE SHARE DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES, WE JUDGE, FROM CHUSMTM'S ASSESSMENT, THAT SAG IS UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO GOB DEALING DIRECTLY WITH USG FOR ARMS PURCHASED WITH SAG FINANCING. WE FEEL THAT THOUGH THE TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED IN PARA 7 REF A IS AWKWARD, IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR BAHRAIN. DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS APPARENTLY AROSE WITH YAR SHOULD BE MINIMAL AS EXTENT OF GOB-SAG FMS RELATIONSHIP IS LIKELY TO REMAIN LIMITED.

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3. AS SOON AS PROCEDURES FOR HELICOPTERS ARE SETTLED, IT IS PROBABLE SAG WILL SUBMIT REQUEST FOR 2.75 INCH ROCKETS FOR GOB TO BE HANDLED IN SAME MANNER.

4. ONCE PROCEDURES ARE FIXED, OTHER REQUESTS FOR GOB REQUIREMENTS, VULCANS AND PERHAPS MOBILE RADAR SYSTEM, WILL FOLLOW.

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